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Dear Professor Lederberg,

I have the pleasure of inviting you to serve as a member of the WHO Advisory Committee on Medical Research (ACMR), from 1 January 1972 to 31 December 1975.

The Committee was created in 1959 by the Twelfth World Health Assembly and it consists of 18 members and a chairman. For your ... information I am attaching a list of its membership since 1959. It normally holds one regular session of approximately one week's duration each year in Geneva in June. Needless to say, the World Health Organization is responsible for the travel and per diem of the members of the ACMR.

The function of the Advisory Committee is to provide the Director-General with the necessary scientific advice in relation to the research programme. Accordingly, during its sessions, the ACMR reviews such documents as reports of Scientific Groups on research in particular fields and other information presented to it, and makes recommendations thereon to the Director-General. You will see, therefore, from this and from some related documents which I am sending you under separate cover, how important the work of the Committee is to WHO, and in particular to its research programme.

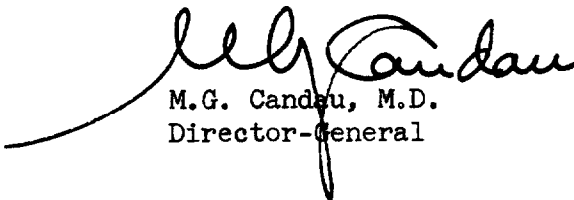
In anticipation of your acceptance of my invitation, I am taking care of a formality which is a routine preliminary to the appointment of members to the Advisory Committee. We have a system of Expert Advisory Panels in various fields and it is customary for members of the Advisory Committee on Medical Research to be chosen from such Panels. I have taken steps, therefore, to appoint you to the WHO Expert Advisory Panel on Human Genetics. Appointment to a Panel does not entail any additional commitments on your part.

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I very much hope that, in spite of your other heavy commitments, you will be willing to give the World Health Organization the benefit of your knowledge and experience by accepting this invitation to serve as a member of its Advisory Committee on Medical Research and that you will be able to attend its next session in Geneva, which is scheduled to take place from 26 to 30 June 1972.

Yours sincerely,



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Director-General